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TAGS: CGEN, CASC

SUBJECT: W/W -ABUSE OF CONSULAR OFFICER

REF: MEXICO 0820

1. IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE MEXICAN OFFENSE AGAINST THE CONSULAR OFFICER'S STATUS AND RIGHTS UNDER CONSULAR CONVENTIONS AND ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT ACCEPT COL. ROCHA'S AND CAPT. SALAS' APOLOGIES AND ASSURANCES AS SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS INCIDENT. THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT COUNTENANCE ANY OFFICIAL MEXICAN EXPRESSION OF CONTEMPT FOR OUR CONSULAR OFFICERS AT ANY LEVEL OF AUTHORITY, AS SUCH EXPRESSIONS, IF ALLOWED TO PASS WITHOUT STRONG AND EFFECTIVE PROTEST, INEVITABLY ERODE THE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO PROTECT THE HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN MEXICO.

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2. THE EMBASSY IS URGED TO RAISE THIS MATTER SOONEST WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PROTEST THIS INCIDENT AND THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF MEXICAN POLICE AND PRISON AUTHORITIES TOWARD U.S. CONSULAR OFFICERS IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. PROTEST SHOULD NOTE THAT WHILE ACTION BY CAPTAIN SALAS INCONSISTENT WITH OBLIGATIONS OF GOM UNDER SEVERAL ARTICLES OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS, IN-

CLUDING ARTICLE 36(1)(C), WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED AT  
CONFISCATION OF CONSULAR DOCUMENTS IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF  
ARTICLE 33 ON INVIOABILITY OF CONSULAR ARCHIVES AND DOC-  
UMENTS AND AT MANNER IN WHICH AN OFFICER OF THE GOM VIO-  
LATED THE OBLIGATION OF THAT GOVERNMENT TO "TREAT CONSULAR  
OFFICERS WITH DUE RESPECT AND ... TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE  
STEPS TO PREVENT ANY ATTACK ON THEIR PERSON, FREEDOM, OR  
DIGNITY." (ARTICLE 40.)  
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